

Southern Flyer



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Fuels Superintendent chosen as Reserve's best

by Ellen Hatfield Wilt
Special to the Flyer

There is an old military maxim, don't volunteer for anything. Yet, it was his true spirit of volunteerism that helped Master Sgt. Cameron B. Kirksey win Air Force Reserve Command's Fuel Superintendent of the Year award.

Kirksey, a member of the 908ths Logistics Support Squadron for 14 years, not only volunteers for additional duties, to support contingencies, for more responsibilities and duties, and for the Wing recruiting team, he volunteers his time and energies in the community, through his civilian employer, his membership in the Masons, and his involvement with Youth Education Town (YET), a program for inner city children in Atlanta.

members have been available to support real world contingencies for extended periods of time at a moment's notice. Kirksey and his work mates seem to be fulfilled by helping others, and in finding workable solutions to what to others might appear to be roadblocks.

Kirksey supervises nine other fuels distribution specialists in a career field that is critical to meet the demands of the 908th AW mission, to provide tactical airlift around the world to support AFRC and the Air Force. Training, and making sure it is properly conducted, and annotated in the record, are at the forefront of Kirksey's work plan, and ethic. "As a supervisor, it is my

retention and promotion of African Americans at Kraft Food, and solicits responses from members of the Customer Service Center to improve morale and promote a health work-life balance.

Volunteering with the Wing recruiting team, and the inner city children of Atlanta through the organization, YET, gives him the chance to pass on what he says the

908th LSS members have taught him about "life and leadership", to be a positive role model to potential Air Force Reserve members. Once again, he seeks always, to do more, and better, things with his work and his life. To his fellow 908th LSS members he says, "together, we can accomplish GREAT things. I salute YOU!"

"Most people, by nature, want to do a good job. A happy member is a productive member."

He is quick to give credit to others, saying "the key to my selection is the pool of talent of the men and women of the 908th that I'm measured against each month. My co-workers are the absolute best. I have a veteran squad that possesses more than 15 years of experience in the fuels career field, and I feel they were instrumental in my selection."

He also gives great credit to Chief Master Sgt. Jimmie Johnson, his supervisor, for keeping him "focused and grounded", giving him opportunities to show his leadership skills, and for "telling me that good things would come my way."

Volunteerism seems to be characteristic of members in the unit, as he states his fellow

responsibility to provide my team members with the essentials to perform their job functions to the best of their ability," he says. "Most people, by nature, want to do a good job. A happy member is a productive member."

Kirksey carries those same qualities into his civilian workplace, which is Kraft Foods, in Avalon Ridge, where he serves as chairperson for the Kraft Foods Southern Area Black Sales Council; a member of Kraft Foods' Resource and Development Council, and serves as the Texas Region Safety Representative at Kraft's Southern Area Customer Service Center. He provides feedback to the National Black Sales Council on issues and opportunities as it relates to the



Photo By Maj. Jerry Lobb

Master Sgt. Cameron Kirksey does the "hose drag" in preparation for hooking up a fuel hose to a 908th AWC-130 for fueling before a mission.

You, your families, your employers -- keys to career success



Photo By Maj. Jerry Lobb

Col. James N. Stewart

Most of us are familiar with the three pillars that are required to make a Reservist's career work: The Reservist, their family and employers. If any one of these areas gets shortchanged over time, things begin to fall apart.

In May we will spend some time focusing on all three pillars. The first pillar is the family. I hope ya'll are planning to bring your family out on Saturday May 4th for our Family Day. Our First Sergeants have done a fantastic job spearheading the planning for a day of fun with your family.

On Friday, May 17th, the wing's focus will turn to the

second pillar, the Employer. We will begin the morning with breakfast, a short mission brief, and an address by a guest speaker. Then we will take our employers on a brief tour and flight around central Alabama, before sending them off to rejoin you at work.

Finally, the last but most important pillar of the three, you. The job doesn't get done without each of you doing your part. Please take care of yourselves as we enter the 101 critical days of summer. No task is so vital that you need to take unnecessary chances and perhaps get hurt or killed in the process. Whether you are unloading a boat at the lake or an airplane in the 'stans, be alert, wear proper protective equipment, hydrate...hydrate...hydrate, but most of all **THINK** about what you are doing to reduce your chances of injury. You are this wing's most important resource.

General Sherrard, Air Force Reserve Commander, is also concerned about your safety as you will see in his Safety Message to all AFRC wing, group and squadron commanders below.

Look forward to seeing you all soon.

'Stop, step back, consider conduct as we go about our business'

The operational response by you and your personnel to the demanding new challenges facing our country for the last few months has been outstanding.

I have been thoroughly impressed by the unfailing dedication and devotion to duty of you and your assigned personnel in accomplishing most difficult assignments. However, I am seriously concerned with the increasing frequency and regularity of close calls, near mishaps and, unfortunately, serious injury to some of our personnel. We must reverse this adverse trend and I call upon each of you, your subordinate commanders and assigned personnel to make such action a top priority.



Lt. Gen. James E. Sherrard III,
chief of Air Force Reserve and
commander of AF Reserve
Command

We have been extremely fortunate, to date, in avoiding any Class A flight mishaps, thanks, in large part, to some outstanding efforts on many people's part. However, the challenge does not stop when the wheels are back on the ground. We have had three aircraft taxi mishaps, each of which could have been prevented with more vigilance and better teamwork between the flight and ground crews. Yes, it can cause some delay to stop until absolutely certain enough clearance exists, but nothing like the burden of

having an aircraft out of service for several weeks. We all know better and cannot let the sense of mission urgency cost us the opportunity to have a fully mission capable aircraft to meet our next mission.

Even more disturbing, AFRC has already experienced one on-duty fatality this year, and we are currently investigating three very serious on-duty ground mishaps that have caused maiming, even permanent injuries. Worse, one of these mishaps could have very easily resulted in another death. Nor can we relax our guard when we drive out the gate. The Air Force has already lost 42 members off-duty this year – most to traffic mishaps, reflected by 38 of those fatalities being related to personal automobiles – and we are just now approaching the 101 Critical Days period. The stresses of the post-Sept. 11 period are undeniable, but we must not use this as an excuse to accept senseless tragedy and needless loss of resources.

I ask of each of you – Stop, Take a step back, and Consider how we are conducting ourselves as we go about our business. Before you execute any task – on, or off duty – ask yourself “Are you and your personnel applying sound risk management to planned decisions? Are you and your personnel avoiding unwise shortcuts in the name of mission accomplishment? Are you and your personnel ensuring that you are in peak condition and getting adequate rest? Are you, your commanders and supervisors, watching your people for signs of fatigue or distraction?”

Each member of our force is an irreplaceable resource in the continuing war against our nation's enemies. Our nation needs each of us, our families need us, and I need each of you to step forward to meet our daunting challenges. Work and play smart, and don't become our next statistic! **Safety is EVERYBODY'S BUSINESS!**



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908th cops prime example of Total Force in action

EDITOR'S NOTE: Last names of reservists called-up to active duty or last names of reservists directly participating in Enduring Freedom operational missions are not used for security reasons.

By Capt. Sean McKenna
366th AEW Public Affairs

35,981.

That's the total number of Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members currently mobilized on active duty, according to the latest Department of Defense figures.

Several of those guardsmen are from the 908th Airlift Wing here and are deployed to Southwest Asia in direct support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Assigned to the 366th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar, Maxwell AFB, Ala.'s 908th Airlift Wing reservists are a prime example of the Air Force's Total Force concept, bringing active duty, guard and reserve forces together to form one solid team.

"It's a unique experience and very rewarding," said Tech. Sgt. James ?, 908th Security Forces Squadron member. "There's seems to be an eagerness on everyone's part to learn how the other groups do things back at their home units."

"We are blessed to have all three components working together," said Lt. Col. Ed Addison, 366th ESFS commander. "The diversity between them makes this squadron stronger. They all come in here very motivated. I can honestly say we represent 'one team, one fight.'"

The 366th ESFS breaks down like this – 50-percent guardsmen, 34-percent active duty members, and 16-percent reserve forces. Diversity exemplified.

That mix of active-duty, guard and reserve members reaps big dividends in the security forces world, according to Addison.

"The guard and reserve troops bring a fresh look to the way the active duty force does business," he said. "All of them – guard, reserve and active duty – stay current with the latest techniques and training, so when they get here, they're ready to go to work."

The extensive training is a must for all security forces members here since they are charged with protecting the entire base populace through perimeter defense as well as vehicle and aircraft security.

One of the biggest benefits of being thrown

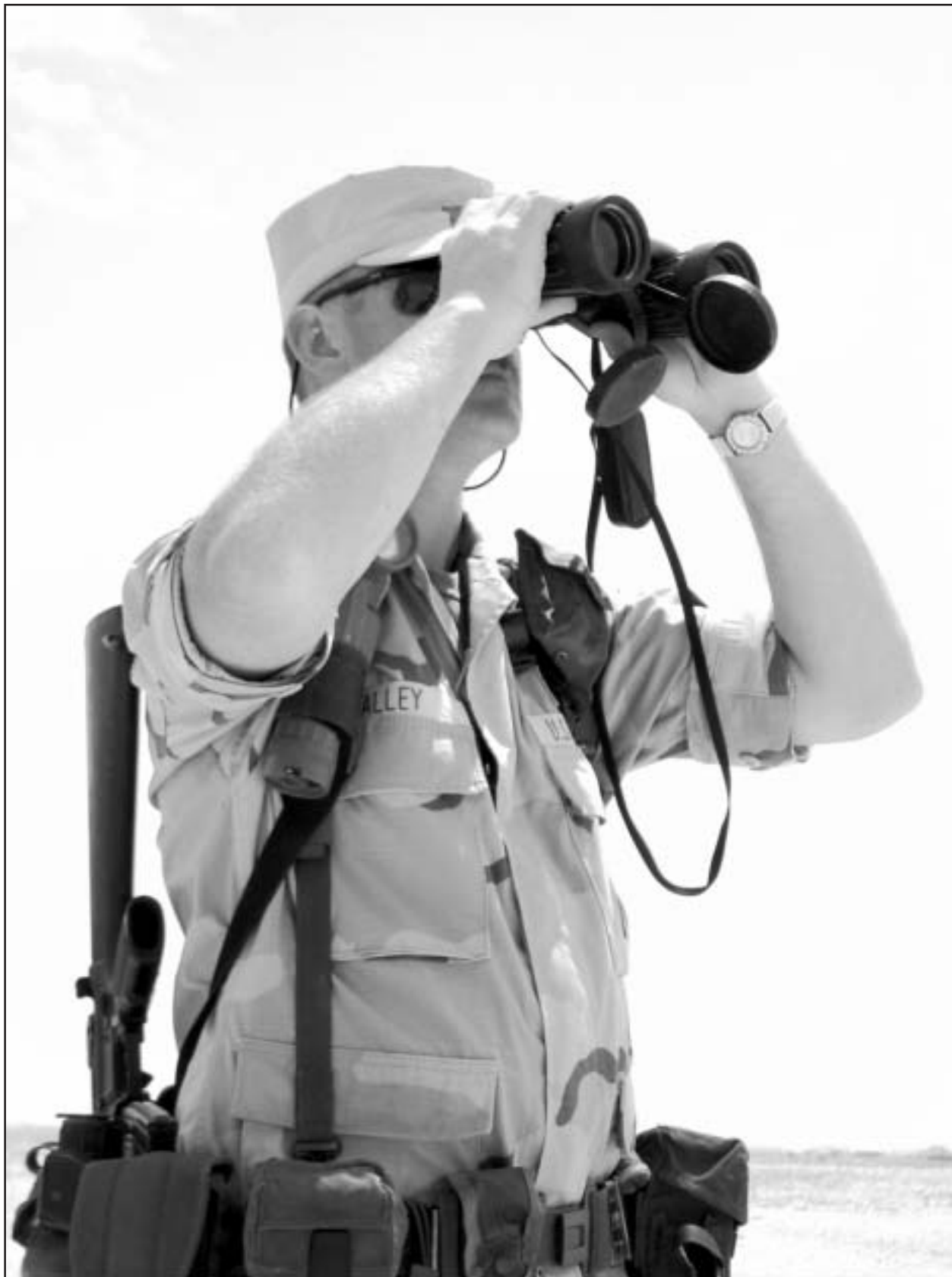
into this desert melting pot is the rare opportunity to live and work with other members of the Air Force triumvirate.

"Guardsmen and reservists have so much experience and talent that is rarely seen by active-duty members," said Tech. Sgt. Dan ?, a full-time guardsman deployed from the 127th Wing at Selfridge Air National Guard Base, Mich. "So working together out here gives them a new perspective on how we do business. It's a good thing."

Air National Guard units represented in the

366th ESFS include Fort Smith, Ark.; Kelly AFB, Texas; Rickenbacker ANGB, Ohio; and Selfridge. Reserve members are from Jacksonville International Airport, Fla.; Little Rock AFB, Ark.; Maxwell; Peterson AFB, Colo.; Tinker AFB, Okla.; Willow Grove Air Reserve Station, Pa.; and Youngstown ARS, Ohio.

"Bottom line is, we're all cops out here," Addison said. "We're willing to take care of each other no matter what component we're from."



Tech. Sgt. Mike ?, 366th Expeditionary Security Forces Squadron at Al Udeid Air Base in Qatar, scans the horizon with binoculars during a base perimeter check. Mike is one of 13 members from the 908th SFS deployed to the 366th in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

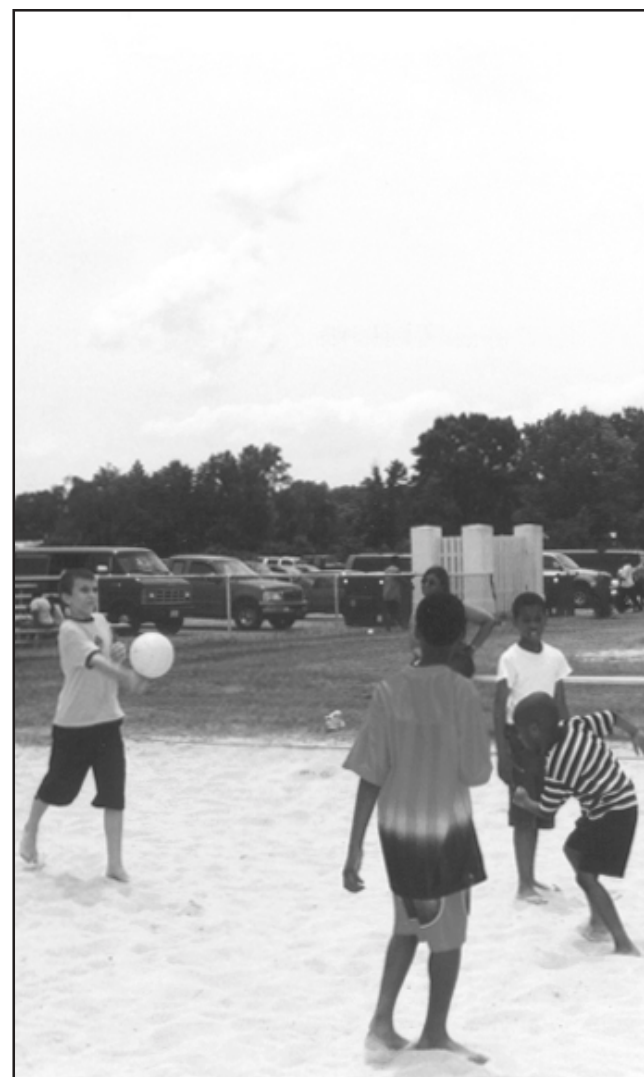
Photo by Capt. Sean McKenna

Family Day

Saturday at the Maxwell midway

Schedule of Events

Time	Event
8 a.m.	Unit Sign-in/Tour facilities and Unit briefings
10 a.m.	Midway Opens C-130 static display, armored personnel carrier rides, moonwalk, giant slide, Noah's Ark, kid's train, kid's activities including face painting, fish tank, slide.
10 a.m.	Softball Games
11 a.m.-1 p.m.	Lunch Served
12:30 p.m.	Commander's Tricycle Race
** horseshoes, volleyball, and basketball equipment available for impromptu games	

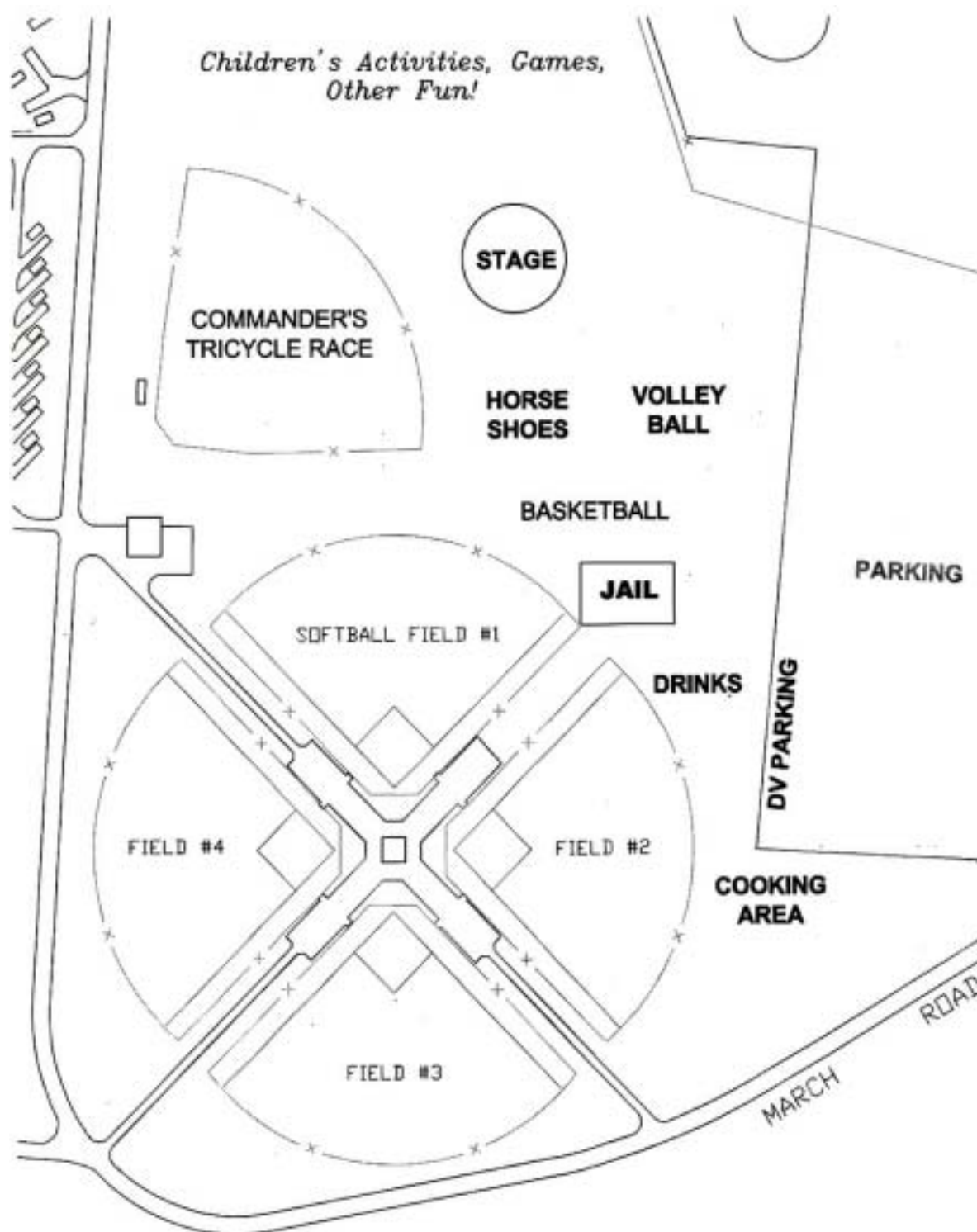


Current decal, valid ID will smooth for entry families

Those planning on attending Family Day who won't be accompanied by their sponsor(s) should take a few precautions to smooth their entry to the base.

"At least one person in the car should have a valid ID and preferably drive a vehicle with a current sticker," said Master Sgt. Albert McWhorter, 908th SFS First Sergeant. In those instances, they can enter any gate

Those without current decals must go to the visitors' center (Bell Street Gate) and obtain visitors' passes or register their vehicles. Remember to bring the proper documents to obtain a pass or decal: proof of insurance, vehicle registration and valid military ID card. Also, keep in mind that the military sponsor must go to the visitors center to sign in guests or family members without IDs or access to the base. The visitors' center is open from 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily.



Keep 101 Critical Days of Safety fun-filled and safe

By Lt Col Richard Gilchrist
908th Airlift Wing Chief of Safety

Believe it or not summertime is almost here. Thunder storms, hot weather, high humidity, insects, snakes, poison ivy, etc. Likewise, we will be entering that crucial period called the "101 Critical Days of Safety." This period begins the Friday before Memorial Day and ends after Labor Day.

Most of us will be traveling, vacationing, playing more sports and other outdoor activities including boating and fishing a lot more than we usually do and at a time when thoughts of the current world situation have preoccupied our minds. It's good for our physical fitness program but let's not forget the flip side of this equation — traditionally, we suffer more injuries and fatalities during this period as well. We must be more aware of safety and focus on the smart way to do things while having fun at the same time.

Enjoy the summer — do things with your family and children while they are out of school, spend



time engaging in leisure activities with friends, but make a habit of thinking about what you are doing

and weigh the risks of the activity involved.

Ask yourself. Am I up to the task? If its something you haven't done in awhile think about what can go wrong or cause someone to get hurt. Weigh the risks of play and leisure just as you do at work.

No matter what type of sports or activities you or your family may be participating in this summer, always keep an eye out for potential safety hazards. It may save your life.

Remember driving and drinking don't mix, in a car or a boat. Be aware of other safety tips such as buckling up, wearing

a helmet, using the buddy system when participating in water activities, driving defensively,

stopping periodically during long drives to stay alert — you know the drill. Be here next September to share your experiences with friends and co-workers. Have a fun and enjoyable summer but most of all have a safe one. We all realize how important it is to take a break from the pressures of not only work but the stress that comes with day-to-day living as well.

So, again, be safe, be smart, have fun — enjoy your summer activities, take a break from the pressures of work and everyday life but most of all, be responsible. Be here next September to tell about it.

A final note. While historically we tend to concentrate on off-duty pursuits during this period, it's equally important to keep focused on safety during regular work hours, UTAs, and annual tour deployments with all the added thoughts of current world events and the likes as well. Always be safety conscious and watch out for the unexpected. Have a great summer but remember — safety is no accident.

908th gives education a boost with transfer of computers to local school

The students at Montgomery's Garrett Elementary School may have to ride in the slow lane for a while but thanks to 908th they'll join millions of other youngsters across the nation cruising the information superhighway.

The 908th Airlift Wing transferred 30 older but fully operational computer systems to include CPUs, monitors and keyboards, to the local school.

Margaret Allen, principal of the school for the past two years, and an educator for 26, found out about the Department of Defense program that allows the transfer of certain assets to organizations, like schools. Her secretary's father put her in touch with Keith Rudolph, the 90th's LAN manager. Rudolph arranged for the transfer of the goods to the school.

Most of the benefit of the new assets will be felt next year, as the school purchases software and sets up programs on the new

computers. The Air Force Reserve is required to remove all software prior to transfer of the goods due to licensing guidelines. However, the school had purchased some new programs that would not run on their already outdated computer systems.

Transfer of goods and services from the DOD to a civilian organization is no small feat. Rudolph initiated the reports and started seeking approval Feb. 1, and the transfer took place just recently.

"I give my deepest and most heartfelt thanks to the 908th for thinking of us, and finally giving us these units," said Principal Allen. "Since in this world, we're all part of each other, we feel close now, to the 908th AW, and they can keep looking back at what they produced in our young, computer-skilled citizens as they go through school. The people at the base are welcome to visit the school and see that."



Photo by Jeff Melvin

Chris Johnson, left, and Kenny Kyser begin loading the donated computer equipment on a truck for transfer to the Garret Elementary School computer lab. Johnson is a the parent of a Garrett student; Kyser is his friend and co-worker.

Did you Know

The following information provided by the 908th AW Family Support Center

Hearts Apart: Hearts Apart is the program which allows family members and significant others to call military members through the base operator using the DSN lines. The only cost to the family is the cost from home to the Maxwell AFB operator if that call is long distance. The program allows families to call once a week for 15 minutes. These calls must be made after normal duty hours (1800 - 0700) local time. **The military member must provide the Family Support Office with their DSN at their deployed location.** The member also need to provide us with the dates the family will be calling. We will then provide this information to the base operators. If you have a problem, please contact Tech. Sgt Rod T. Bush (334) 953-5478/6673 or 1-800-428-4625 or Tech. Sgt Vanessa

Polk at (334) 953-2353. If the lines are busy when you place your call, please wait at least 10 minutes before trying to place your call again.

Entry Purchase Access Card:

Deploying single parents who have a non-military individual taking care of their family can obtain what is called an Entry Purchase Access Card. The card will allow the caregiver access to the Commissary and Base Exchange.

The card is obtained through the Pass and ID office/Bldg 502. Either the member or a family member with an ID card must accompany the caregiver, and the following documents are required:

- Guardianship power of attorney Orders
- Caregiver's Driver's License
- Family member's ID Card

If the member has already deployed, the caregiver can obtain the card as long as they have the proper documentation. Because of the 100 percent ID check, the family member will need to accompany the caregiver. After

the card is obtained, the family member does not have to be with the individual. They will only have to have the ID card (this is so they can get on base). In the cases where the dependent does not have an ID card (such as an infant), the individual/member would need to call Family Support to make arrangements to be escorted onto the base. If you have any questions pertaining to the specifics of the Entry Purchase Access Card Program, call Staff Sgt. Kevin Gibson at DSN 953-6343 or Commercial 334-493-6343.

AGR office seeks applicants for full-time tours

WASHINGTON—Opportunities for Air Force reservists to serve in full-time Active Guard Reserve positions have more than tripled since 1990, from 400 to more than 1,400 authorizations.

Members of the AGR Program serve under Title 10 of the U.S. Code and are entitled to most of the benefits received by the active force. They qualify for an active-duty retirement, provided they attain career status and can serve 20 years active federal military service.

The program offers AGR tours on the Air Staff; at Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command, Robins Air Force Base, Ga.; at Headquarters Air Reserve Personnel Center in Denver; in AFRC units; and with other major commands.

Information about vacancies, application procedures and more details on the program is available on the AGR Management Office's web site at <http://www.re.hq.af.mil/agr/agrhome.html>

2nd TSP sign up hopes to match success of 1st

People who missed the initial Uniformed Services Thrift Savings Plan's open season will have chances to enroll in future open seasons. The next is May 15 through July 31, followed by another, Nov. 15 through Jan. 31. This cycle will repeat annually and coincides with open seasons for all federal employees.

Air Force officials are pleased with the number of people who enrolled —

nearly 65,000 Air Force active, Reserve and Guard members — and expect more to participate in future open seasons as familiarity with the plan increases, said Maj. Jeff Keef, Air Force military estate and special pays policy chief at the Pentagon.

The plan, much like a 401(k) in the private sector, allows people to take advantage of several benefits.

"The TSP offers military members the potential to supplement military retirement significantly and also reduce current taxes by contributing from pre-tax dollars and watching tax-deferred earnings accumulate," Keef said. "It's also convenient. Enrollment and account management can be done from your desktop computer."

Keef added that contributing to the plan is painless, with money going directly to TSP accounts through payroll deduction.

Participants who enrolled before the end of December and whose first contributions went to TSP from their end-of-month January pay should have received account letters with personal identification numbers by the end of February.

Once people have their PINs, accounts can be accessed on the TSP Web site or via the ThriftLine. Keef said here, people can make decisions as to how their future contributions are allocated among the five TSP funds. Until allocations are made, all contributions are sent to the G Fund.

Using either the same Web site or ThriftLine, people can also make an interfund transfer to redistribute money that initially went to the G Fund or that may be in any of the funds at later time.

Each month the TSP board publishes a fact sheet, "G, F, C, S and I Fund Monthly Returns," available on the Web site. The fact sheet contains the monthly returns for each of the TSP funds.

Wing members wanting to enroll in TSP must complete a TSP election form and submit it through the Reserve pay section at Ext. 3-6722.

Enrollment forms are available for download on the TSP Web site, <http://www.tsp.gov>, or can be obtained at Reserve pay.

Reservists can find more information on the TSP Web site or at the Air Force Personnel Center TSP site at http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/mpf/TSP/thrift_savings_plan.htm



Photo by Jeff Melvin

Let's Roll

42nd Air Base Wing Commander Col. Fran Martin, left, and Montgomery Mayor Bobby Bright help 908th Airlift Wing Commander Col. James N. Stewart unveil "Let's Roll" nose art on aircraft No. 0000-35, "The City of Montgomery." Todd Beamer, a passenger on Flight 93, made the phrase "Let's Roll!" famous when he and other passengers rushed terrorists for control of that aircraft before it crashed into a field in western Pennsylvania. The nose-art design depicts an eagle soaring in front of the U.S. flag with the words "Spirit of 9-11" on the top and "Let's Roll!" on the bottom. The nose art will remain on the aircraft until the first anniversary of the attacks, Sept. 11, 2002. The Air Force Chief of Staff authorized the application of the nose art on one aircraft at each flying installation and on aircraft flown by the Thunderbirds and other aerial demonstration teams.

May UTA Schedule

Time	Time	Event	Location/OPR
Friday, May 3, 2002			
1630	1900	Commanders’ Staff Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conference Room/CC

Saturday, May 4, 2002			
0730	0800	Sign In	Orderly Room
0730	0800	Newcomers’ Flight Reception	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMS
NO SATURDAY FIRING DUE TO FAMILY DAY			
0800	0830	Newcomers’ Intro/Orientation	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMS
0830	1200	Newcomers’ MPF In-Processing	Bldg. 1056/Rm 101/DPMS
0830	0900	Pregnancy Profiles/Weight Waivers/ Fitness for Duty (must have DD Fm. 689)	Bldg. 711 Records Room
1700	TBD	Sign Out	Orderly Room

Sunday, May 5, 2002			
0630	0700	Sign In	Orderly Room
0715	0815	PERSCO Training	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf Rm
0730	0800	Fitness For Duty (Must Have DD FM 689)	Bldg. 760/1st Floor
0800	TBD	Units At Range M-9 (Classroom)	Firing Range/SFS
0800	0900	Lab Work/DNA Testing	Bldg. 760/LAB
0815	1100	Hazardous Cargo Training	42 TRANS Conf Rm
0815	0900	3S0X1 Training (All units)	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf.Rm
0820	1500	Physicals (Phase I & II)	Bldg. 760/First Floor
0830	0900	Pregnancy Profiles/Weight Waivers/ Fitness for Duty (must have DD Fm. 689)	Bldg. 711 Records Room
0830	1030	Anthrax Briefings (30 min.)	Bldg. 760/First Floor
0830	1030	Shots (IPPD & Flu only)	Bldg. 760/First Floor
0830	1200	NBC Defense Training (R)	Bldg. 1062/Clstrm/CEX
0830	1130	M-41 Mask Fit	Bldg. 1055/Rm 1
0830	1130	Pallet Build-up	Bldg. 848 (25 APS)
0900	0930	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 846/Classroom 2/HC
0900	1000	3A071 Training	Bldg. 848/2nd Fl. Classroom
1000	TBD	SORTS/Commander Meeting	Command Post/CAT Rm/CC
1000	1100	Career Advisors Meeting	Bldg. 846/DPMSC
1100	1130	Worship Service (Recommended)	Bldg. 1056/Rm. 101/DPMT
1200	1500	Hazardous Cargo Training	42 TRANS Conf. Room
1230	1530	CDC Testing	Bldg. 1056/Rm. 101/DPMT
1230	1400	PreDeployment Processing/Briefing	Bldg. 1154/Mobility Section
1300	1400	Honor Guard Meeting	Bldg. 1056/Cmd. Chief Office
1300	1400	UTA Bulletin Meeting	Bldg. 1056/CC Conf. Room
1400	1500	Chiefs Group Meeting	Bldg. 1056/Cmd. Chief Office
1600	TBD	Sign-out	Orderly Room

Support functions' schedule			
Activity	Dates & hours of operation		Location/Ext.
MPF Customer Service	Sat, 1300-1700	Sun, 0900-1100	Bldg. 1056/35522
		Sun, 1200-1600	Bldg. 1056/35522
ID Cards	M-F, 0630-1630	Sun, 0800-1100	Bldg. 1056/35522
		Sat, 1300-1700	Bldg. 1056/35522
Reserve Pay	M-F, 0700-1100;	Sat, 0800-1600	Bldg. 1056/36722
		1200-1600	
Medical Records	Sat, 0800-1500	Sun, Closed	Bldg. 711/35714
Individual Equipment	Sat, 0800-1530		Bldg. 1154/36020
Clothing Sales	Sat, 0900-1500		Bldg. 851/37505
Restricted Area Badges	M-F, 0630-1600	Sun, 1200-1500	Bldg. 84/34283
Vehicle Registration	M-F, 0730-1600	Sun, 1200-1500	Bldg. 84/34283
Geneva Convention Cards	M-F, 0730-1600	Sun, 1200-1500	Bldg. 84/34283
Dining Hall	Sat, 0600-0930	Sun, 0600-0930	Bldg. 668/35127
		1100-1300	
		1600-1830	
Lodging office/reservations	(lodging problems, contact 908th rep via lodging front desk)		Bldg. 1573/32401
Photo lab	M-F, 0730-1630	Sun, 1300-1500	Bldg. 926/37981

Remaining FY 02 UTA Dates

June 8-9; July 13-14; Aug. 10-11; Sep. 7-8

FY 03 UTA Dates

Oct. 5-6; Nov. 2-3; Dec. 7-8; Jan. 11-12, 03; Feb. 8-9, 03;

March 8-9, 03; April 5-6, 03; May 3-4, 03; June 7-8, 03;

Jul 12-13, 03, Aug. 9-10, 03; Sept. 6-7, 03

May UTA Lodging

To access the Lodging Reservation System, please follow these instructions:

- * Make reservations, cancellations or changes at least 24 hours prior to arrival.
- * Call Maxwell at 1-800-673-9356
- * Input your unit’s authorization code
- * Dial the system at 3-8557 or 3-8558
- * The system will ask for your SSAN, which you will input with the telephone keypad
- * The system will ask for your personal ID number, followed by the # sign. (PIN available through your First Sergeant or Services 3-7332)
- * The system will ask if you would like to make, change, or cancel a reservation.
- * To make a reservation, input arrival date and then departure date.
- * You will be asked if the reservation is ADT, IDT, or both (ADT: Annual Tour, Mandays, Special Tour) (IDT: UTA, AFTP, RMP, Make-up UTA)
- * If this is a scheduled UTA weekend, the system will tell you where you will be staying
- * If you cancel or change a reservation, you will be prompted for a phone number.
- * The confirmation number you receive is for 908th Services use only.

Note: You can also call the system direct DSN or Commercial. The numbers are: DSN 493-8557/8558 or COMM: (334) 953-8557/8558.

If you have a question please contact Tech. Sgt. Byron Godwin at:

Commercial: (334) 953-7332

DSN: 493-7332

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Notice! Checkout time at Maxwell Lodging for the May UTA is 0800 Sunday. If you do not have time to go to the front desk, and do not have a phone charge, there will be a key drop box located in Bldg. 157 (Main Lodging) for your convenience. Please do not use this box if you have any charges on your bill. In accordance with AFI 34-246 **smoking is not permitted in lodging rooms.** You may be charged a minimum of \$50 for cleaning for violating this AFI.

Airlift will be lodged at the Hampton Inn, Prattville.

Airlift Schedule

Aurora Airlift

UTA pick-up schedule Friday:

Depart Maxwell at 1530 local

Arrive Aurora at 1800 local

Depart Aurora at 1800 local

Arrive Maxwell at 2100 local

UTA return schedule Sunday:

Bus departs Bldg. 1056 at 1530

Depart Maxwell at 1600 local

Arrive Aurora at 1830 local

Depart Aurora at 1845 local

Arrive Maxwell at 2100 local

Huntsville/Dobbins Airlift

UTA pick-up schedule Friday:

Depart Maxwell at 1700 local

Arrive Dobbins at 1915 local

Depart Dobbins at 1945 local

Arrive Huntsville at 1915 local

Depart Huntsville at 2000 local

Arrive Maxwell at 2030 local

UTA return schedule Sunday:

Depart Maxwell at 1600 local

Arrive Dobbins at 1745 local

Depart Dobbins at 1815 local

Arrive Huntsville at 1745 local

Depart Huntsville at 1815 local

Arrive Maxwell at 1845 local

Take Note

Congratulations to the following people.

Promotions

... Master Sergeant
Andrew Butler, MSS
Roderick Parker, LSS

... to Staff Sergeant
Michael L. Epps, 357AS
Michael S. Haynes, MSS

Retirements

Lt. Col. Steven A. "Rooster"
Ogburn, 908AW/XP

"Southern Flyer" places in Air Force media contest

The "Southern Flyer," the 908th's unit newspaper, fared well in the 2001 Air Force Print Media Contest, finishing third in the military funded newspaper (large) category.

Another AFRC unit public affairs office and two unit PA reservists won awards in the

Print Media Contest and PA Achievement competitions.

In the media contest, the "Patriot," produced by the 439th Airlift Wing PA Office, Westover Air Reserve Base, Mass., took first place in the military funded newspaper (small) category. The office also won the (writing) series category.

Maj. Richard Sater of the 445th AW, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio, was named the Air Force's top reserve component PA officer.

Tech. Sgt. David Byron II of the 920th Rescue Wing PA Office, Patrick AFB, Fla., was selected the top reserve component PA enlisted airman.



Photo by Jeff Melvin

908er Maxwell's "Top Cop"

In a rarity for a reservist, Senior Airman Rinickey Snell, 908th Security Forces, on duty with the 42nd SFS here, was named the Maxwell SFS "Top Cop" for the month of March, by Chief Master Sgt. Leroy Brown. According to the Chief, Snell, at the tender age of 22, is "mature minded" enough to make hard decisions, and has the professionalism, sharp appearance, and dedication to duty necessary to meet the demands of her chosen profession. The native of Columbus, Ga., intends to complete her education through ROTC, and return to the Air Force Reserve as an officer, and a nurse.



Photo by Jerry Lobb

Col. Brad Lynn, 908th AW vice commander, gets his traditional hosing down from his loving family following his "fini", or final flight prior to his official retirement. The wing had a farewell barbeque in his honor on the April UTA. Be sure to read his farewell editorial on p. 2.

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